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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir: This Amendment & Response is filed in response to the final Office Action dated December 12, 2007 in which pending claims 23, 24 and 26-57 were rejected. A Request for Continued Examination and the required fee are submitted herewith. A two-month extension of time is hereby requested, and the required fee is submitted herewith.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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